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FUSED SILICA BY  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the March 9, 1999, final rejection, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8-9, 14-18, 18-19, 28-29, and 31-32.

Please amend claims 7, 13, and 17 as follows:

7. (Amended) In a method for making a non-porous body of high purity fused silica glass doped with at least one oxide dopant comprising the steps of:
- (a) producing a gas stream containing a silicon-containing compound in vapor form capable of being converted through thermal decomposition with